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NIXA MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Nixa, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for possessing child pornography.

Michael D. Conner, 30, of Nixa, was charged in a two-count indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury in Springfield on Jan. 18, 2006. The indictment was unsealed and made public upon **Conner's** arrest and initial court appearance this morning. **Conner** remains detained in federal custody.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Conner** was in possession of a computer that contained images of child pornography from Feb. 12 to Oct. 19, 2005, in Christian County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Conner** to forfeit to the government any property used in the alleged violation, including an Apple Power Mac G4 computer.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Nixa, Mo., Police Department and the Grandview, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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